

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush, comprising:

a brush core; and

bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the bristles is in a shape of ring, and the bristles extend away

from the brush core with ~~substantially~~ a substantially equal angular interval therebetween such ~~that~~ when viewed in an axial direction of the brush core, wherein a face of ~~the bristle~~ each bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to ~~an axial~~ the axial direction of the brush core.

2. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush for application of mascara,

comprising:

a brush core; and

bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the bristles is composed of a first bristle in a shape of ring and

a second bristle in a shape of ring which is disposed inside of the first ~~bristle~~ bristle, and the bristles extend away from the brush core with ~~substantially~~ a substantially equal angular interval therebetween ~~such that~~ when viewed in an axial direction of the brush core, wherein a face of ~~the bristle~~ each bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to ~~an axial~~ the axial direction of the brush core.

3. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush for application of mascara,

comprising:

a brush core;

ring-shaped bristles held on the brush core; and

straight bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the ring-shaped bristles is in a shape of ring, and the ring-shaped bristles extend away from the brush core with ~~substantially~~a substantially equal angular interval therebetween ~~such that~~when viewed in an axial direction of the brush core, wherein a face ~~of the~~of each ring-shaped bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to ~~an axial~~the axial direction of the brush core.

4. (Currently Amended) A mascara brush for application of mascara , comprising:

a brush core;

ring-shaped bristles held on the brush core; and

straight bristles held on the brush core,

wherein each of the ring-shaped bristles is composed of a first bristle in a shape of ring and a second bristle in a shape of ring which is disposed inside of the first ~~bristle,~~bristle, and the ring-shaped bristles extend away from the brush core with ~~substantially~~a substantially equal angular interval therebetween ~~such that~~when viewed in an axial direction of the brush core, wherein a face ~~of the~~of each ring-shaped bristle becomes a straight line when viewed from a side perpendicular to ~~an axial~~the axial direction of the brush core.